

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 3, 16, 27, 34-36, 43-46 and 51-54 have been amended, and claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 26, 32, 33, 38-42 and 48-50 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3-13, 16-25, 27-31, 34-37, 43-47 and 51-55 are pending in the present application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-13, 16-25, 27-31, 34-37, 43-47 and 51-55. In response, Applicant has amended claims 3, 16, 27, 34, 43 and 51 to be in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has also amended claims 35 and 36 to depend directly from allowable claim 34, amended claims 44-46 to depend from allowable claim 43, and amended claims 52-54 to depend on allowable claim 51. Accordingly, claims 3-13, 16-25, 27-31, 34-37, 43-47 and 51-55 are in condition for allowance, notification of which is respectfully requested.

With the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 26, 32, 33, 38-42 and 48-50, all prior art rejections have been rendered moot.

In view of the above amendments, the pending application is in immediate condition for allowance as all issues in the final Office Action mailed May 21, 2008, have been addressed.

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